



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
SPECIAL JOINT CITY COUNCIL AND REDEVELOPMENT
AGENCY BUDGET MEETING OF: MAY 18, 2004

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- CALL TO ORDER
- ANNOUNCEMENT RE: COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN MEETING LAW
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MINUTES:

PRESENT: MAYOR GOODMAN and COUNCIL MEMBERS REESE, BROWN, WEEKLY and MACK

EXCUSED: COUNCILWOMAN MONCRIEF (excused until 9:14 a.m.) and Ward 2 seat vacant

Also Present: CITY MANAGER DOUG SELBY, DEPUTY CITY MANAGER STEVE HOUCHENS, DEPUTY, CITY ATTORNEY BRAD JERBIC, and CITY CLERK BARBARA JO RONEMUS.

ANNOUNCEMENT MADE – Meeting noticed and posted at the following locations:

City Hall Plaza, Special Outside Posting Bulletin Board

Court Clerk's Office Bulletin Board, City Hall Plaza

Las Vegas Library, 833 Las Vegas Boulevard North

Clark County Government Center, 500 S. Grand Central Parkway

Grant Sawyer Building, 555 E. Washington Avenue

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MAYOR GOODMAN led the audience in the Pledge.

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DEPARTMENT: FINANCE AND BUSINESS SERVICES

DIRECTOR: MARK R. VINCENT

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CONSENT

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DISCUSSION

SUBJECT:

Public hearing and possible action regarding Fiscal Year 2005 City of Las Vegas Tentative Budget and Fiscal Year 2005 City of Las Vegas Final Budget, including the Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan

Fiscal Impact

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No Impact

Amount:

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Budget Funds Available

Dept./Division:

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Augmentation Required

Funding Source:

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

Discussion and possible action regarding Fiscal Year 2005 City of Las Vegas Tentative Budget as filed with the Nevada Department of Taxation on April 15, 2004, and adoption of Fiscal Year 2005 City of Las Vegas Final Budget, including the Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan, as amended with guidance from City Council.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends adoption of Fiscal Year 2005 City of Las Vegas Final Budget, including the Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan, as amended with guidance from City Council.

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

1. Fiscal Year 2005 City of Las Vegas Tentative Budget
2. Submitted at meeting - PowerPoint Presentation
3. Submitted at meeting - Letter from Citizens Priority Advisory Council

MOTION:

REESE – Adopt the Final Budget as presented – UNANIMOUS with Ward 2 seat vacant

MINUTES:

MAYOR GOODMAN declared the Public Hearing open on Item 1 and 2.

MARK VINCENT, Director of Finance and Business Services, outlined the 4/20/2004 Workshop, 5/11/2004 Special Council meeting and discussion at the 5/5/2004 Council meeting relating to the budget, leading to the summary presentation at this meeting.

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MINUTES – Continued:

CANDACE FALDER, Budget and Finance Division Manager, briefed the Council as to the updates to the budget using a PowerPoint presentation. This is the first year the City-wide budget passed the \$1 billion mark, excluding operating transfers. The final budget will include an additional five new positions, for a total of 59 new positions. New and expanded Metro programs include 100 new officers, 18 support personnel and represent \$4.6 million.

General Fund revenues and consolidated tax represents 50% of the General Fund revenues or \$110 million. These revenues are the distribution of State collected taxes, including sale tax. Property tax represents an additional 20% or \$86 million. The City will spend just under \$250 million of General Fund expenditures on public safety. Public services will use \$81 million of City resources. Those services include City Council, City Manager's office, Human Resources, City Clerk, Information Technologies, Planning & Development, Facilities Management and utilities at the City of Las Vegas.

Since the balanced Tentative Budget, staff incorporated direction from Council to include the additional five positions representing \$600,000 and debt service payment on a planned parks and recreation bond equaling \$500,000, driving a Final Budget deficit of \$1.1 million. That deficit includes an estimated \$1.3 million for retroactive pay adjustment consistent with the finalization of the Peace Officers Association agreement. The proposed operating budget surplus is \$200,000.

MS. FALDER reviewed the slide regarding Capital Improvement Plan projections totaling \$403 million. Slide 7 detailed the \$125.1 million funding for the Parks & Leisure Activities Expenditure Plan.

The breakdown of the Redevelopment Agency budget detailed a tax increment revenue of \$9.8 million, which is mostly absorbed by the debt service, the \$1.8 million housing set aside and operating services and supplies of \$700,000.

In response to filing with the Department of Taxation pursuant to law and regulation, the City has received confirmation as to compliance for the budget. The Citizens Priority Advisory Council concurred with the budget after their review and a copy of the letter from the Advisory Council was submitted for the record.

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MINUTES – Continued:

MAYOR GOODMAN discussed with MS. FALDER the \$900 million budget last year and the increase to this budget resulting from City programs, funding from other entities relating to large projects and bonding issues. The City reviews the budgets of other entities and utilizes those budgets for benchmarking. MR. VINCENT confirmed the historical pattern of surplus budgets for all the Valley entities. The entities submit budgets that are plans with modest surpluses or deficits and then adjust at the end of the year. MAYOR GOODMAN stressed that 60% of the City's budget is dedicated to public safety; fire services, the marshals and mostly Metro. MR. VINCENT pointed out that the total contribution to Metro was approximately 25% of the General Fund and a total of 60% is dedicated to all public safety. Public safety included those identified by the Mayor as well as Code Enforcement and the Department of Detention & Enforcement.

COUNCILMAN BROWN discussed with MR. VINCENT that the capital projects outside of the \$125.1 million would be included under City Facilities and Fire Services. That amount, representing approximately 5% of new funds, was strictly dedicated for parks and recreation. He encouraged the Council to continue with the commitment to parks and leisure activities.

COUNCILMAN BROWN summarized his expectation that service levels be evaluated while approaching the next budget. In particular, he would be looking for evaluation of services provided by City government on a want-to-provide versus need-to-provide basis. That question should be raised to a Council policy level. What may be appropriate to provide in good economic times may need to be examined during lesser economic times. Redundant or duplicated services by more than one City department, by other government entities or by non-profit organizations should be identified. An analysis of service levels may be complex, but is critical to quantifying the elimination of a service. As an example, he cited reducing the response time for graffiti removal from 24 hours to 48 hours and the resulting impact or extending the turnaround for building permits.

COUNCILMAN BROWN noted his concern with the decrease in the hiring freeze that had resulted in a documented savings of millions of dollars. That percentage has dropped from over 10% to 5% with a projected drop to 4% next year. The justification is that the economic situation has improved. Regardless, the greatest impact on the budget is from salary and benefits caused by hiring of full-time employees. To control the increased cost of government, the

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MINUTES – Continued:

analysis needs to be with hiring. In this year's budget, the discretionary funds have dropped to single digits. Everything else is a fixed expenditure. As that trend continues, Council must look to salaries and benefits. Without micromanaging, the matter should be raised to a policy question for the Council.

COUNCILMAN BROWN stressed that his comments were to be well documented for the next budget cycle, at which time his expectation for addressing these issues will be much greater than they were this year.

MAYOR GOODMAN discussed with CITY MANAGER SELBY that all new hires are evaluated as to need to maintain existing service levels or due to expanded services as a result of growth by the Justification Committee. MAYOR GOODMAN concurred with COUNCILMAN BROWN that quantification will help with next year's budget. COUNCILMAN BROWN added that some Departments have done incredible jobs with becoming more efficient and greater use of technology and outside consultants. The fundamental issue remains that the cost of government will eventually exceed the revenue stream. That means that government must act to either delay that point or find another way of doing business. Failing to address that today would simply be this Council passing the buck to a future Council. The City even ran a scenario on the impact to services were each Department asked to cut back 10%.

MAYOR GOODMAN disagreed that the Council is not being proactive. The Council has used the budget trend as a guiding force during his time at the City. It would be malfeasance to not address the situation. COUNCILMAN BROWN agreed that this Council has been more aggressive than any other and perhaps more than any other government in Southern Nevada. However, the cut back exercise should be taken more seriously.

COUNCILMAN WEEKLY reminded COUNCILMAN BROWN that the issues to be analyzed differ from ward to ward. The needs of Ward 5 as to Code Enforcement and Rapid Response are significantly different than in Wards 2, 4 and 6. When speaking of a lean, mean budget, he expressed concern with which services would be eliminated and which services are considered duplicated.

COUNCILMAN MACK stated that Department heads try to treat each Council person equally, but there are services needed in one ward which are not needed in others. As an example, neighborhood cleanups are not necessarily as often in the newer areas. Perhaps that overlap could be eliminated and resources better allocated.

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MINUTES – Continued:

COUNCILMAN REESE thanked the City's great staff, particularly those in Finance and Business Services who did a wonderful job. The Council appreciates their hard work.

MAYOR GOODMAN declared the Public Hearing closed on Item 1 and 2.

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NOTE: See Item 1 for all discussion.

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CITIZENS PARTICIPATION:

Items raised under this portion of the City Council/Redevelopment Agency Agenda cannot be deliberated or acted upon until the notice provisions of the Open Meeting Law have been met. If you wish to speak on a matter not listed on the agenda, please step up to the podium and clearly state your name and address. In consideration of others, avoid repetition, and limit your comments to no more than three (3) minutes. To ensure all persons equal opportunity to speak, each subject matter will be limited to ten (10) minutes.

MINUTES:

DAN CONTRERAS, Bonanza Village, expressed concern regarding funding of Code Enforcement. There are not enough officers on the street or enough manpower to deal with the problems faced by the residents. The fines should be substantially increased to cover the cost of enforcement. He presented a number of photographs of abandoned homes near F Street and Washington Avenue. He personally has called on the boarded property displayed on the overhead 30 times. The drug dealers and prostitutes are lining the streets. An apartment complex to the south would not be accepted by anyone on the Council in their neighborhood. The code needs to have teeth. The impact on area children and the perception it creates is unacceptable. One boarded home is across the street from an area park. Property owners are given too many chances and too much time.

MAYOR GOODMAN replied that the situation complained of appeared to be one that Metro should be addressing. The City contributes a significant amount of money toward their budget, they should be paying attention to the area and he requested the marshal's office relay the information to Metro.

MR. CONTRERAS summarized the assistance given by the marshals to the residents, especially from LT. DUFRENE regarding the panhandlers. MAYOR GOODMAN pointed out that drug dealing is different from panhandling and he does not want drug dealing in the City. MR. CONTRERAS thanked MAYOR GOODMAN for his comment, but stressed the residents' frustration. There are several cars in the area which the residents hope will be immediately be removed.

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Citizens Participation

MINUTES – Continued:

GLEN WANAGUA, 60 North Pecos, stated that he is a representative of LAROUCHE and has traveled to Washington D.C. 11 times in the last 6 years. The public may not be aware that 48 states are bankrupt along with the world. There is currently a \$400 trillion debt. He submitted numerous articles regarding the financial situation and encouraged the country to reinstitute a Roosevelt-type program. Eliminating services and raising taxes leads to genocide. Rebuilding infrastructure, power and controlling water will create jobs. Mexico has agreed to the LAROUCHE water plan that would connect nine states and Mexico for water use, power and irrigation connecting water from Canada down to Mexico to get the land fertile again. Wal-Mart is contributing to the poor economic situation.

(9:36 – 9:40)

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ADJOURNED: 9:40 A.M. (1-1194)

Respectfully submitted: _____
ANGELA CROLLI
June 1, 2004